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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of )  
Guillaume RIBADEAU-DUMAS et al. )  
Serial No.09/305,178 ) Art Unit : 1761  
Filed: May 4, 1999 ) Examiner :P. DUBOIS  
FOR : A SWEETENING COMPOSITION AND ITS USES

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified Applicants be granted an extension of time for the period of two (2) months from May 1, 2001 to July 1, 2001, in the above-identified application to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated February 1, 2001.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$390.00 to cover the cost of the time extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 08-1650.

If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Guillaume RIBADEAU-DUMAS et al.

Dated: June 6, 2001

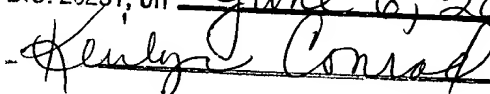
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